



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/812,468	03/30/2004	John C. Gano	970194U1DIR1D2USA	3146
20558	7590	09/14/2006	EXAMINER	
SMITH IP SERVICES, P.C. 660 NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 230 PLANO, TX 75074			SUCHFIELD, GEORGE A	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3676	

DATE MAILED: 09/14/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Art Unit: 3676


1. In view of applicant's RESPONSE or amendment after final filed on September 26, 2005, this divisional reissue application is now in condition for allowance.
2. In accordance with MPEP 1450, applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this letter, to merge the claims of the suspended first reissue application, i.e. S.N. 10/367,619, with the allowable claims of this divisional reissue application, by placing all the claims into one of these applications and expressly abandoning the other. Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to pass this divisional reissue application to issue, and simultaneously reopen prosecution in the suspended first reissue application, wherein a rejection based on a lack of error under 35 USC 251 will then be made.
3. The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Suchfield whose telephone number is 571-272-7036. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30 - 3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Art Unit: 3676

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.


George Suchfield
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 3676

Gs
September 12, 2006